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Tempe and Scottsdale Historic Preservation Commissions,  
and Mesa Historic Preservation Committee, meeting as  
the East Valley Historic Preservation Coalition (EV-HPC)

## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 11, 2003

Location: 105 N. Cattle Track Rd. Scottsdale

Commissioners /  
Committee  
Members  
Present

Anderson, Vince, Mesa HPC  
Dallett, Nancy, Scottsdale HPC  
Dean, David, (Vice Chair) Mesa HPC  
Ewan, Joseph, Tempe HPC  
Gasser, Bob (Chair) Tempe HPC  
Gonzales, B.J. (Vice Chair) Scottsdale HPC  
Johnson, Cathy (Chair) Scottsdale HPC  
Linoff, Vic (Chair) Mesa HPC  
Patterson, Ann, Tempe HPC  
Peters, Ron, Mesa HPC  
Scheatzle, Dave, Tempe HPC  
Siefer, Stuart, Tempe HPC  
Vega, Santos, Tempe HPC  
Wilson, Elizabeth, Tempe HPC  
Wilson, Janet, Scottsdale HPC  
Wimmer, Edward, Scottsdale HPC  
Wright Wagner, Tracy, Mesa HPC

Staff Present: Kathy Guthmiller, Mesa Administrative Support Assistant  
Greg Marek, Mesa Redevelopment Director  
Don Meserve, Scottsdale Preservation Planner  
Joe Nucci, Tempe Historic Preservation Officer

Public Present: Susan Coykendall, Scottsdale  
Janie Ellis, Scottsdale  
Don & Vivian Hadder, Scottsdale  
JoAnn Handley, Scottsdale  
Esther Kozinets, Scottsdale  
Lois McFarland, Scottsdale  
Josephine Vega, Tempe

### Call to Order:

*6:49 pm, Cathy Johnson, Scottsdale HPC Chair.*

### I. Introduction and Welcome

Scottsdale HPC Chair Cathy Johnson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the East Valley Historic Preservation Coalition and called for individual introductions around the room. City of Scottsdale Preservation Planner Don

Meserve called attention to the sign-in-sheet being circulated as a record of attendance.

## **II. Presentations by Chairs on Commission/Committee Activities**

### Scottsdale Historic Preservation Commission

Scottsdale HPC Chair Cathy Johnson provided a brief history of the Scottsdale Historic Preservation Commission, stating the Commission was established by the City Council in 1997 to oversee the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. She explained, Scottsdale's current preservation program traces its origin to the city's Heritage Plan developed in 1981 to facilitate environmentally sensitive development and land use planning. This program is focused on increasing public awareness of Scottsdale's heritage; identifying historic and cultural resources; designating and recognizing significant local resources; and assisting in protecting, preserving and enhancing the best examples of Scottsdale's past. Debbie Abele serves as Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Officer under a consulting contract.

- 1981 Scottsdale Heritage Plan included in the Scottsdale General Plan
- 1996 Task Force convened to evaluate HP/CLG requirements
- 1997 Historic Preservation Commission appointed by City Council
- 1999 Historic Preservation Ordinance adopted (Ord. No. 3242, § 7, 7-13-99)
- 1999 Protection of Archaeological Resources Ordinance adopted (Ord. No. 3243, 7-13-99)
- 1999 Downtown Survey and Scottsdale Arts & Tourism Context Study
- 1999 Scottsdale Historic Register established
- 2002 Incentives Package created to encourage listing properties on the local register
- 2002 Scottsdale Archaeological Overview & Mitigation Guide prepared
- Education Outreach Committee (newsletter)
- Historic Register Committee makes recommendations to Commission on register designations
- 13 properties currently listed on Scottsdale Historic Register  
<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/historiczoning/historicregister.asp>
- Post World War II Subdivisions Context Study (in progress)
- Citywide Context and Survey of Multi-Family Dwellings in Scottsdale through CLG and City funding
- Scottsdale Historical Society cooperates as an excellent resource for HPC

### Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

Tempe HPC Chair Bob Gasser provided encouragement for the East Valley communities to work together to address preservation issues that transcend municipal boundaries. He explained that by agreeing to share information and expertise we can work more efficiently and be more effective. Chairman Gasser stated he met with Tempe Mayor Neil G. Giuliano in February 2003, and discussed the creation of an East Valley Historic Preservation Coalition. Mayor Giuliano responded favorably to the idea.

- 1983 Historic Property Survey And Multiple Resource Area Nomination (Janus Ascs)
- 1995 Historic Preservation Commission established (Ord. No. 95.35, 11-9-1995)
- 1997 Multiple Resource Area Update (Ryden Architects)
- 1997 Historic Preservation Plan

- 2001 Post World War II Survey & Context Study (Scott Solliday)
- Outreach to Neighborhood Associations for property/district designations
- Ongoing oversight of Downtown Tempe redevelopment activities
- Tempe National Bank Building adaptive reuse project
- System of liaisons between Tempe HPC/Mayor & Council
- Tempe General Plan 2030 update
- Tempe Development Code (zoning ordinance) rewrite
- SHPO HPF pass-through grant for Tempe (Hayden) Butte study & nomination
- Tempe Neighborhood Enhancement Grant funding for district designations

#### Mesa Historic Preservation Committee

Mesa HPC Chair Vic Linoff explained this East Valley Coalition represents a “dream-come-true” for him stating he has long believed in the value of this type of cooperation. He provided a brief overview of the history of Mesa Preservation, explaining that this program started amidst tough political opposition. Chairman Linoff stated initial efforts to achieve CLG status in Mesa were considered inadequate by the SHPO and only through negotiations were they able to realize certification in the midst of adverse local politics. Subsequently 1997 modifications to the ordinance, plan, and organizational structure have produced an excellent program.

- 1993 Survey of Historic Townsite (Woodward) identified 2 candidate districts
- 1994 Initial HP Ordinance required 75% property owners signatures
- 1995 CLG Status after extended negotiations with the SHPO
- 1995 Sirrine House listed on the NRHP
- 1996 Historic Homes of Mesa design guidelines developed (Ryden)
- 1996 Glenwood/Wilbur designated as local Historic District
- 1997 Neighborhood Building Survey (Architecture Co.) identifies 3 candidate districts
- 1997 Revised HP Ordinance conforms to typical SHPO conditions
- 1998 Irving School designated as local landmark
- 1998 West Second Street designated district receives Valley Forward Award
- 1999 Evergreen, Glenwood/Wilbur, and West Second Street, districts listed NRHP
- 1999 Temple Historic District nominated to NRHP
- 1999 Irving School nominated to NRHP
- 1999 Evergreen designated as local Historic District
- 2000 Tempe Historic District listed on NRHP
- 2000 Additional surveys underway
- 2002 Wilbur Historic District neighborhood action plan begun
- 2003 Fraser Fields designated local Historic District (first Post World War II district designated in the Valley sets important precedent for Arizona)

In closing, Chairman Linoff explained Mesa’s various education and awards programs that function as marketing tools for the preservation program by developing broad based awareness and community support. He said that while Mesa’s focus is on preservation, the economic benefits are also being emphasized. Chairman Linoff considers the adopted HP Plan to provide long-term continuity across the ebb-and-flow of political interest in historic preservation.

### **III. Round Table Discussions**

#### Discussion: Pressing Community Issues

- Commissioner Gonzales said the EV-HPC will provide important continuity by sharing experiences and resources as new political leaders get involved in preservation.
- Commissioner Linoff said it is important that the EV-HPC follow through with the logistics of becoming an organized, effective, and influential voice for preservation.
- Commissioner Vega said he considers documentation of cultural traditions through recording oral histories to be an important HP activity.

#### Discussion: Common Experiences

- Commissioner Linoff recognized the similar histories of East Valley Cities as a common bond for preservation.

#### Funding

- Officer Marek inquired about funding sources for preservation activities.
- Commissioner Linoff stated the Heritage Fund is a significant source for brick-and-mortar projects, including emergency restoration projects. He advised grants workshops are coming up in November/December. Submittal deadline is March with grant funding awarded in September 2004.
- Commissioner Gasser said the ADOT "Safe-T" funds can be used for transportation related preservation projects.
- Officer Nucci stated Tempe has successfully used HUD CDBG funds for projects like the Elias/Rodriguez House and the Governor B.B. Moeur House restorations.
- Commissioner Gasser suggested the AZ Department of Commerce Main Street program as a possible fund source.

#### Coordination

- Commissioner Dallett reminded the group that the Public History program at ASU can provide student resources to maximize the value of available funds. She asked the group to think ahead regarding post-war planning and implementation in the interest of efficiency and accuracy, stating cities should pursue common themes, funding sources, and resources.
- Commissioner Gasser suggested the EV-HPC approach the SHPO for oversight and coordination between jurisdictions.

#### Discussion: Future EV-HPC Communication

- Commissioner Patterson suggested the Commission Chairs meet and develop a focused agenda limited to one or two items for the next EV-HPC meeting.
- Commission Chairs will get together to identify objectives and determine a focused agenda for the next meeting.

### **IV. Comments and Announcements**

- Commissioner Johnson said she would like to organize a Trolley Tour of the early town buildings in downtown Scottsdale for the Coalition.

**V. Future Meetings**

Future meeting to be announced in approximately three months.

**Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned by consensus at approximately 8:05 PM.*

Minutes approved and adopted 10/02/03 Tempe HPC

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Bob Gasser, Chair

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Draft review comments received from: 1) Don Meserve, Scottsdale 09/16/03  
2) Kathy Guthmiller, Mesa 09/16/03